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Dear Mr. Leveque:

This letter is being written to testify in behalf of the exceptional work that HI-Mill Manufacturing Co. has done in the past 15 years or so in the area of responsible, environmentally conscious manufacturing in the production of quality copper and aluminum tubing of unique design. As an Engineer who is Registered in four states namely Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts and Missouri, who has 42 years experience in Engineering and 25 years in Environmental Engineering, I consider the manufacturing output of HI-Mill Manufacturing Co. Valuable to military, aircraft, refrigeration, automotive and space applications. There are very few plants that could replace the quality and quantity of these products.

My own experience is mainly in military, automotive and environmental engineering. I worked as a government pollution control officer for seven years. During the past thirteen years I have worked for the Federal Government as the Environmental Engineer for the Tank Automotive Division. I am responsible for compliance to air, water and hazardous waste regulations for five installations. Remediation of contaminated army sites is a very large part of my responsibility.

The preceding information was presented to reveal the fact that I am involved in the environmental field, served as a government supervising field engineer and am a Registered Professional Engineer in four states. I would be willing to testify in HI-Mill's behalf at any time.

In closing I would like to say that I found Mr. Robert & Richard Beard honest, law abiding and honorable men. They are interested in the preservation of the environment and have done what they could to comply with the regulations.

As a former government pollution control engineer and inspector I feel that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has expended an unusual number of people and time harassing a small business which is doing its best to comply with their demands. I think Michigan's Governor Engler is doing the right thing with the revamping of the Department of Natural Resources. Maybe this will result in more equity for the small business man who is being pressed beyond his limits.

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In view of the facts I am confident that the EPA's recommendation of Alternative I: No Action with Groundwater Monitoring and Institutional Controls is the best plan.

Sincerely,

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